

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 and 12 have been amended herein to more clearly distinguish a cordless telephone, conventionally used while a caller is at home, from a cellular telephone, conventionally used while a caller is away from a home. Claims 1-6 and 8-19 remain pending.

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider his earlier rejections in light of the following remarks. No new issues are raised nor is further search required as a result of the changes made herein. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

35 USC 112 Second Paragraph Rejection of Claim 12

The Office Action rejected claim 12 as allegedly being indefinite under 35 USC 112.

The claims have been reviewed and are amended where appropriate. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in full conformance with 35 USC 112. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-19 over Tendler

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 and 6-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Tendler, U.S. Patent No. 5,555,286 ("Tendler"), with claim 5 rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Tendler. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the remaining claims.

Claim 7 was canceled in the previous response, making the rejection of claim 7 moot.

Claims 1-6 and 8-19 recite, *inter alia*, an apparatus and a method where a base unit and handset are directly interfaced and respond to a predetermined key sequence in an on-hook condition.

Tendler appears to disclose a cellular telephone based emergency vessel/vehicle location system that includes a combined dialer and activation detector in which activation may either be from the cellular phone keypad or from

other means. In one embodiment, the dialer and activation detector is actuated from the keypad of the cellular phone, such as 911, *CG, *SP or other predetermined activation code.

Tendler teaches a cellular telephone. A cellular telephone's handset transmits to a base station receiver. A cellular telephone does not have an on-hook nor off-hook condition. Tendler fails to teach a cordless telephone handset and base unit that are directly interfaced, much less an apparatus and a method where a base unit and handset are directly interfaced and respond to a predetermined key sequence in an on-hook condition, as claimed by claims 1-6 and 8-19.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 1-6 and 8-19 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

1. (Twice Amended) A cordless telephone, comprising:
 - a base unit; and
 - a telephone line interface adapted to interface the base unit to a public switched telephone network; [and]
 - wherein a handset is adapted to directly communicate with the base unit, the handset including
 - a keypad,
 - a key scan element adapted to scan the keypad for a predetermined key sequence while the handset is in either one of an on-hook condition and an off-hook condition, and
 - a controller adapted to cause the initiation of an outgoing call based on a determination of the predetermined key sequence.

6. (Twice Amended) A handset for a cordless telephone, comprising:

- a keypad,
 - a key scan element adapted to scan the keypad for a predetermined key sequence while the handset is in either one of an on-hook condition and an off-hook condition, and
 - a controller adapted to cause the initiation of an outgoing call by outputting a signal to a corresponding base unit, directly interfaced with the handset, with a telephone line interface based on a determination of the predetermined key sequence.

12. (Twice Amended) A method of placing a telephone call from a cordless telephone comprising a handset and a base unit with a telephone line interface that is in an on-hook condition, comprising the steps of:

sensing the activation of predetermined key sequence while the cordless telephone handset is in either one of the on-hook condition and an off-hook condition; and

initiating a telephone call based on the senses activation;
wherein the cordless telephone handset is adaptively interfaced directly with a base unit.